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SUBJECT: FURTHER PRESS COVERAGE OF EC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 25, THE TIMES PUBLISHED THE FULL TEXT OF THE EC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THE PUBLISHED TEXT CORRESPONDS WORD-FOR-WORD WITH THE ONE CONTAINED IN REF B. THE TIMES SAID THAT IT OBTAINED THE TEXT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRUSSELS.

2. IN AN ACCOMPANYING STORY, THE TIMES' BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT SAYS THE TEXT SHOWS THAT EUROPE REMAINS "ON THE DEFENSIVE" ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND THAT THE COMMUNITY IS RELUCTANT TO BE DRAWN INTO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS. THE AMERICANS, ON THE OTHER HAND, "WANT MORE THAN GENERALIZATIONS TO SHOW FOR THIS VISIT."

3. AN ARTICLE DATED NEW YORK IN THE GUARDIAN OF SEPTEMBER 25 STATES THAT IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SPRING. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE AMERICANS ARE BELIEVED TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH THE COMMUNITY'S SUGGESTION THAT CONTACTS WITH THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED THROUGH DENMARK. THE ARTICLE ALSO SAYS THAT THE INDICATIONS OF A POSTPONEMENT HAVE CAUSED "NO GREAT ALARM NOR MUCH SURPRISE AMONG THE BRITISH."

4. COMMENT: OUR CONTACTS AT THE FCO HAVE ALSO TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE SPRING, WHEN GERMANY WILL OCCUPY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. THEY SAY THAT A POSTPONEMENT RESULTING FROM AN OUTRIGHT REJECTION OF THE EC DECLARATION WOULD CREATE A SERIOUS CRISIS IN EC-US RELATIONS. A POSTPONEMENT FOR OTHER REASONS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM, HOWEVER.

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